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SPRING SOWS IN 9 STATES UP 10 PERCENT:

The number of sows farrowed and intended to farrow in the spring of 1959 (December through May) for 9 of the Corn Belt States is 10 percent larger than in the spring of 1958, but 1 percent less than the 1948-57 average, according to the Crop Reporting Board. The number is now estimated at 5,558,000 head for the 9 States (Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, South Dakota, Nebraska, and Kansas). Farrowings in all of the above-named States this spring are up from a year earlier, ranging from 4 percent in Wisconsin to 16 percent in both South Dakota and Kansas. An increase of 15 percent is indicated in Nebraska, 13 percent in Minnesota, 10 percent in Illinois, 9 percent in Iowa, and 8 percent in both Ohio and Indiana. The March 1 survey indicates a decrease of less than 1 percent or 13,000 head from the spring farrowing intentions reported for these States as of December 1, 1958. The 9 States included in this report accounted for 67 percent of the 1958 United States pig crop.

DECEMBER-FEBRUARY FARROWINGS UP 12 PERCENT:

Sows farrowed in the 9 States during December, January, and February totaled 1,857,000 head, 12 percent more than for the same period a year earlier, and 82 percent more than the average. These farrowings represent 33 percent of the estimated December-May total--the same percentage as a year earlier--and may be compared with the average of 18 percent. Farmers' reports indicate that most of the increase in the December-February sow farrowings, as compared with a year earlier, occurred during December and January, which have been relatively light months, with February farrowings at about the same level as in 1958.

MARCH-MAY INTENDED FARROWINGS UP 9 PERCENT:

Sows bred and intended for farrowing in March, April, and May this year in the 9 States totaled 3,701,000 head, 9 percent more than a year earlier, but 20 percent less than the average. This is 1 percent, or 51,000 head, more than the farrowing intentions reported for these States in December. All of the 9 States show increases from a year earlier for this period.

JUNE-AUGUST INTENTIONS ALSO UP 9 PERCENT:

Reported breeding intentions indicate 2,287,000 sows to farrow during the 1959 summer quarter (June through August). This would be an increase of 9 percent or 195,000 head from the 2,092,000 that farrowed during the same period

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Sows farrowing by quarters, Selected Corn Belt States

State	December through February ^{1/}				March through May			
	: 1959 as :				: 1959 as :			
	Average :	1958 :	1959 :	% of	Average :	1958 :	1959 ^{2/} :	% of
	1948-57 :	1948-57 :	1948-57 :	1958 :	1948-57 :	1948-57 :	1948-57 :	1958 :
	1,000	1,000	1,000	Percent	1,000	1,000	1,000	Percent
	head	head	head	Percent	head	head	head	Percent
Ohio.....	121	142	155	109	268	199	213	107
Ind.....	226	301	304	101	347	236	276	117
Ill.....	188	325	370	114	738	577	622	108
Wis.....	57	96	105	109	263	205	208	101
Minn.....	74	139	190	137	559	414	435	105
Iowa.....	246	460	500	109	1,634	1,169	1,276	109
S.Dak.....	17	40	52	130	300	252	288	114
Nebr.....	51	95	118	124	396	265	296	112
Kans.....	39	53	63	119	112	76	87	114
Total 9 States	1,020	1,651	1,857	112	4,617	3,393	3,701	109

State	December through May Total ^{1/}				June through August			
	: 1959 as :				: 1959 as :			
	Average :	1958 :	1959 :	% of	Average :	1958 :	1959 ^{2/} :	% of
	1948-57 :	1948-57 :	1948-57 :	1958 :	1948-57 :	1948-57 :	1948-57 :	1958 :
	1,000	1,000	1,000	Percent	1,000	1,000	1,000	Percent
	head	head	head	Percent	head	head	head	Percent
Ohio.....	389	341	368	108	153	165	180	109
Ind.....	574	537	580	108	309	341	348	102
Ill.....	926	902	992	110	289	418	460	110
Wis.....	320	301	313	104	96	132	137	104
Minn.....	633	553	625	113	163	218	262	120
Iowa.....	1,881	1,629	1,776	109	492	609	680	112
S.Dak.....	317	292	340	116	36	58	70	121
Nebr.....	448	360	414	115	69	99	99	100
Kans.....	150	129	150	116	40	52	51	98
Total 9 States	5,637	5,044	5,558	110	1,646	2,092	2,287	109

^{1/} December preceding year.

^{2/} Number indicated by breeding intentions reports.

^{3/} Sum of December through February farrowings and March through May intentions to farrow.

Hogs and pigs: Number on farms by classes March 1, Selected Corn Belt States

State	Under 3 months				3 to 6 months			
	1959				1959			
	1957	1958	1959	as % of 1958	1957	1958	1959	as % of 1958
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent
Ohio....	980	935	1,040	111	1,023	935	970	104
Ind....	2,135	2,110	2,150	102	1,400	1,200	1,385	115
Ill....	2,015	2,240	2,550	114	2,370	2,285	2,500	109
Wisc....	590	705	760	108	580	481	515	107
Minn....	735	1,020	1,362	134	880	806	1,096	136
Iowa....	2,700	3,370	3,500	104	3,180	3,420	3,980	116
S. Dak..	147	280	355	127	210	225	345	153
Nebr....	1/	670	805	120	1/	645	740	115
Kans....	258	360	425	118	293	315	375	119
Total 8 States..	9,560	11,020	12,142	110	9,936	9,667	11,166	116
Total 9 States..	1/	11,690	12,947	111	1/	10,312	11,906	115

State	Total under 6 months				6 months and older				All hogs and pigs			
	1959				1959				1959			
	1957	1958	1959	as % of 1958	1957	1958	1959	as % of 1958	1957	1958	1959	as % of 1958
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	Per-cent	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	Per-cent	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	Per-cent
Ohio....	2,003	1,870	2,010	107	633	608	666	110	2,636	2,478	2,676	108
Ind....	3,535	3,310	3,535	107	1,209	1,244	1,383	111	4,744	4,554	4,918	108
Ill....	4,385	4,525	5,050	112	2,026	2,271	2,494	110	6,411	6,796	7,544	111
Wisc....	1,170	1,186	1,275	108	601	585	620	106	1,771	1,771	1,895	107
Minn....	1,615	1,826	2,458	135	1,255	1,302	1,452	112	2,870	3,128	3,910	125
Iowa....	5,880	6,790	7,480	110	3,865	3,930	4,205	107	9,745	10,720	11,685	109
S. Dak..	357	505	700	139	584	605	654	108	941	1,110	1,354	122
Nebr....	1/	1,315	1,545	117	1/	745	865	116	1/	2,060	2,410	117
Kans....	551	675	800	119	208	205	238	116	759	880	1,038	118
Total 8 States..	20,687	19,496	23,308	113	10,750	11,712	12,577	109	31,437	29,877	35,020	111
Total 9 States..	22,002	1/	24,853	113	11,495	1/	12,577	109	33,497	1/	37,430	112

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a year earlier, and 39 percent more than the average. Farmers in Kansas report 2 percent less sows for 1959 summer farrow than a year earlier and no change from a year earlier is indicated in Nebraska. All other States show increases ranging from 2 percent in Indiana to 21 percent in South Dakota. Increases in other States are as follows: Minnesota, 20 percent; Iowa, 12 percent; Illinois, 10 percent; Ohio, 9 percent; and Wisconsin, 4 percent.

ALL HOGS AND PIGS IN 9 STATES UP 12 PERCENT:

The number of all hogs and pigs on farms on March 1, 1959 in the 9 States totaled 37,430,000 head. This is 12 percent more than the 33,497,000 head a year earlier. All States show increases, ranging from 7 percent in Wisconsin to 25 percent in Minnesota. Hogs and pigs six months old and over totaled 12,577,000 head, 9 percent more than a year earlier. Total commercial slaughter of hogs for the United States during January was 5 percent more than a year earlier and Federally inspected slaughter for February was 27 percent larger than in February 1958.

The number of pigs under 6 months of age in the 9 States was 13 percent larger than March 1, 1958. There was an increase of 15 percent in the 3-6 month age group, and an increase of 11 percent in the number under 3 months of age. A decrease in litter size for the December-February period as compared with a year earlier is indicated with a decline in the Western Corn Belt States more than offsetting small increases in the Eastern Corn Belt States. Severe weather conditions during the winter have been a factor in the decline in litter size in the Western Corn Belt States. The 12,947,000 pigs under 3 months old on farms March 1 accounted for 35 percent of all hogs, and the 11,906,000 head in the 3-6 month age group represented 32 percent of the total.

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